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SUBJ: TURKEY PRESENTS GREECE WITH A NOTE ON THE

AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE

1. NOVEMBER 18 TURKISH MFA SECGEN ELEKDAG PRESENTED  
GREEK AMBASSADOR COSMODOPOULOS WITH A NOTE ON THE  
AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE. THE NOTE WAS IN  
RESPONSE TO THE GREEK NOTE OF OCTOBER 2.

2. TURKISH RADIO AND TELEVISION EVENING OF NOVEMBER 18  
AND TURKISH PRESS NOVEMBER 19 CARRIED COMPREHENSIVE  
ACCOUNTS OF THE NOTE, OBVIOUSLY BASED ON MFA BRIEFING.  
ACCORDING TO THE TURKISH RADIO, THE NOTE STRESSES THE  
NECESSITY OF HOLDING MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS TO REACH  
A JUST SOLUTION AND STATES THAT ONLY THROUGH SUCH  
NEGOTIATIONS CAN A SOLUTION BE REACHED THAT WILL SAFE-  
GUARD THE VITAL INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES. THE NOTE  
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ALSO POINTS OUT THAT THE VIEWS OF THE TWO PARTIES

CAN BE NEGOTIATED ONLY AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE, AND IT ADDS THAT THE TURKISH-GREEK NEGOTIATIONS ON THE AEGEAN AIRSPACE ARE AN EXAMPLE OF A CONSTRUCTIVE AND REALISTIC APPROACH. TURKISH RADIO COMMENTARY SUGGESTED THAT THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ASPECT OF THE TURKISH NOTE IS THAT IT CALLS FOR THE RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND FOR UTILIZATION OF ALL APPROACHES WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO A SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS. IN CONTRAST, GREECE WISHES TO LIMIT THE NEGOTIATIONS TO PREPARATION OF THE CASE FOR REFERRAL TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (ICJ).

3. EMBOFF NOVEMBER 19 DISCUSSED NOTE WITH MFA OFFICIAL WHO HAS NOT BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE PREPARATION OF THE NOTE, BUT WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE SUBJECT. GOT DOES NOT AT THIS POINT INTEND TO RELEASE THE TEXT OF THE NOTE, BUT EMBOFF WAS PERMITTED TO READ IT. THE NOTE APPEARS TO CONTAIN VERY LITTLE NEW INFORMATION AND IS BASICALLY A REITERATION OF THE TURKISH POSITION. NOTE MAKES THREE POINTS:

A. THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS MISINTERPRETED THE RESULTS OF THE ROME AND BRUSSELS MEETINGS AND HAS ATTEMPTED, BY QUOTING TURKISH NOTES OUT OF CONTEXT, TO BOLSTER ITS CONTENTION THAT GOT HAD PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO LIMIT THE NEGOTIATIONS TO PREPARATION OF A COMPROMISE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE DISPUTE TO THE ICJ.

B. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ICJ RULING IN THE NORTH SEA CONTINENTAL SHELF CASE OF 1967, IT IS INCUMBENT UPON THE PARTIES IN SUCH A DISPUTE TO NEGOTIATE IT THOROUGHLY BEFORE PRESENTING THE IRRECONCILABLE POINTS TO THE ICJ FOR ADJUDICATION.

C. THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE ON THIS SUBJECT CANNOT BE CONSIDERED TO BE THE KIND OF NEGOTIATIONS MENTIONED ABOVE. THE NOTE CONCLUDES BY CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE TO AGREE TO NEGOTIATIONS OF THE FULL RANGE OF ISSUES ON THE AEGEAN CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE AND STATING THAT ANY UNRESOLVED ISSUES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL BE SUBMITTED "IF NECESSARY" TO THE ICJ.

4. COMMENT: MFA OFFICER ADMITTED THE NOTE CONTAINS NOTHING NEW AND IS SIMPLY A REITERATION OF THE PREVIOUSLY STATED TURKISH POSITION. HE SAID THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE NOTE WAS SIMPLY TO RAISE THE ISSUE AGAIN AND GIVE THE GREEK GOVERNMENT AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER INTO SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS IF IT WISHES TO DO SO. HE DID

NOT SEEM OPTIMISTIC.  
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